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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR NATO

SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCH APRIL 15

SUMMARY: BULK OF PERMREPS CONVERSATION AT THEIR APRIL 15  
REGULAR INFORMAL LUNCH WAS DEVOTED TO PROSPECTIVE NATO  
SUMMIT (REPORTED SEPARATELY). IN ADDITION AMBASSADORS DISCUSSED  
A) PERMREPS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD; B) PRESS REPORTS THAT  
PRESIDENT FORD MIGHT VISIT SPAIN; AND C) MBFR OPTION III.  
END SUMMARY.

1. PERMREPS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD: AMBASSADOR BRUCE  
INFORMED PERMREPS THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO  
HOLD A MEETING WITH THEM IN JUNE, AND THAT A PERIOD OF TIME ON  
JUNE 19 HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET ASIDE FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
NOTING THAT JUNE 19 IS THE SECOND DAY OF THE THREE DAY SACLANT  
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SYMPOSIUM, BRUCE INDICATED THAT ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND FURTHER  
ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING WORKED OUT.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD MIGHT VISIT SPAIN: PRIOR TO

THE LUNCHEON, ITALIAN PERMREP CATALANO SPOKE PRIVATELY TO BRUCE CONCERNING PRESS REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT FORD MIGHT SOON VISIT SPAIN. CATALANO EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE MUCH RESENTED IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN COUNTIES. DURING THE LUNCHEON FISCHBACH ( LUXEMBOURG) AND HARTOGH(NETHERLANDS) SPOKE OPENLY IN A SIMILAR VEIN. FISCHBACH EXPRESSED HIMSELF EMPHATICALLY IN HOPING THAT SUCH PRESS SPECULATION WAS IN ERROR. HARTOGH, REFERRING TO WHAT HE CALLED THE TRICKY POLITICAL SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY, WHERE FIVE PARTIES SHARE A COALITION, WAS LIKEWISE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY SUCH VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT TO SPAIN. BRUCE SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION OF VISITING ELSEWHERE THEN BRUSSELS.

3. MBFR OPTION III: BRUCE INFORMED PERMREPS THAT THE US HAS BEEN GIVING CLOSE ATTENTION TO OPTION III FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER, US STUDIES ARE NOT YET COMPLETED. WHEN THEY ARE, THE US WILL INITIATE CONSULTATIONS IN THE NAC. BRUCE ADDED THAT THE OPTION III PACKAGE BEING CONSIDERED IS THE SAME AS HAD BEEN MENTIONED BY AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD TO THENAC IN APRIL 1973. BRUCE

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